GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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SPONGE IRON PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sponge iron plants under operation in the country along with their location, State-wise;

(b) the total production of sponge iron in the country during 1994-1995 and 2000- 2001;

(c) whether some sponge iron plants are becoming sick or closed, as the products remain unsold in the domestic market;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make them operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) As per available information, there are 32 sponge iron plants in operation. Location of these plants is annexed.

(b) The total production of sponge iron in the country during 1994-1995 and 2000-2001 is as under :

(`000 tonnes)

1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01
3392.0	4441.6	5047.0	5325.0	5166.0	5328.4	5484.2

(c)&(d): Five sponge iron plants are reportedly closed due to various reasons such as financial constraints, adverse market conditions, labour problems, technical problems etc.

(e) As all these closed Sponge Iron plants are in the private sector, initiative to revive them has to come from them.

ANNEXURE

LIST OFWORKING SPONGE IRON UNITS.

Sl No.	Name of the Unit	Location	State
1.	M/s. Sponge Iron India Ltd.	Khamman	Andhra Pradesh
2.	M/s. Bihar Sponge Iron Ltd.	Singhbhum	Jharkhand
3.	M/s. Ashirwad Steel & Ind. Ltd.	Jamshedpur	-do-
4.	M/s. Bisco Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd.	Jamshedpur	-do-

5. M/s. Chandil Industries Ltd. Singhbhum -do-
6. M/s. Maa Chinnamastaka Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd. Hazaribagh -do-

7 M/s. K.Y.S. Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd. Jamshedpur -do-

8. M/s Essar Steel Ltd. Hazira Gujarat

9. M/s. Bellary Steel & Alloys Ltd. Bellary Karnataka
10. M/s H.F.G. Ltd. Durg Chattisgarh
11. M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. Raigarh -do-
12. M/s. Prakash Industries. Ltd. Champa -do-
13. M/s. Raipur Alloy & Steel Ltd. Raipur -do-
14. M/s. Monnet Ispat Ltd. -do- -do-
15. M/s. Nova Iron & Steel Ltd. Bilaspur -do-
16. M/s. Raigarh Electrodes Ltd. Raigarh -do-
17. M/s. Sunflag Iron & Steel Ltd. Bhandara Maharashtra
18. M/s. Vikram Ispat Raigad -do-
19. M/s. Ispat Industries Ltd. Raigad -do-
20. M/s. Lloyds Metals & Engg. Ltd. Chandrapur -do-
21. M/s. Tata Sponge Iron Ltd. Keonjhar Orissa
22. M/s. Orissa Sponge Iron Ltd. -do- -do-
23. M/s. Rexon Strips Ltd. Sundergarh -do-
24. M/s Sree Metalliks Ltd. Keonjhar -do-
25. M/s. Deepak Minerals & Ind. Ltd. -do- -do-
26. M/s. Scan Steels Ltd. Sundergarh -do-
27. M/s. Surya Sponge Iron Ltd. Jajpur -do-
28. M/s. Scan Sponge Iron Ltd. Sundergarh -do-
29. M/s. M.S.P. Sponge Iron Ltd. Haldiaguna -do-
30. M/s. Kusum Powermet Pvt. Ltd. Keonjhar -do-
31. M/s. Jai Balaji Sponge Ind. Ltd. Burdwan West Bengal
32. M/s. Shyam Sel Ltd. -do- -do-